

UNAPPROVED MINUTES

SELECTMEN'S MEETING
@Memorial Library Community Room

June 4, 2009
7:00p.m.

The regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by First Selectman Janet M. McCarty. Also present were Stephen A. Fontana, Second Selectman and Michael J. Freda, Third Selectman.

At this time, there were no public comments relative to the agenda.

Mr. Fontana made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Selectmen's Meeting of May 4, 2009.

Voted: McCarty – yes, Fontana – yes, Freda – yes

Mr. Fontana made a motion to accept the resignation of Michael R. Compare (D), 150 Garfield Avenue, from the Community Services Commission, term to expire 12-31-10

Voted: McCarty – yes, Fontana – yes, Freda – yes

Ms. McCarty stated that anyone interested in serving on the Community Services Commission should contact her office.

Mr. Fontana made a motion to sign a Call for a Public Hearing, concerning programs to be submitted for approval under the Connecticut Neighborhood Assistance Act, to be held on Monday, June 22, 2009 at 5:30 p.m., in the North Haven Memorial Town Hall, Conference Room #1, 2nd floor.

Ms. McCarty explained that the Connecticut Neighborhood Assistance Act Tax Credit Program is designed to provide funding for municipal and tax exempt organizations by offering a corporation business tax credit if they make cash contributions to these organizations. Businesses can receive a credit of 60% of their approved contribution or 100% in the case of certain energy conservation programs approved by the Department of Revenue Services. The program must be presented at a public hearing and approved at a town meeting, before getting approval by the State of Connecticut Department of Revenue Services. The deadline to submit applications is June 12, 2009. The only application we have received this year is from the Lancraft Fife & Drum Corps. They have participated in this program for a number of years.

Voted: McCarty – yes, Fontana – yes, Freda – yes

Mr. Fontana made a motion to sign a Call for a Special Town Meeting, concerning programs to be submitted for approval under the Connecticut Neighborhood Assistance Act, to be held on Monday, June 22, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. in the North Haven Memorial Town Hall, Conference Room #1, 2nd floor, immediately following the Public Hearing, but not before 6:00 p.m.

Voted: McCarty – yes, Fontana – yes, Freda – yes

Mr. Fontana made a motion to select dates for the 2010 Board of Selectmen's meetings – Unless otherwise indicated, they will be held on the first Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the North Haven Memorial Library Community Room – January 7, February 4, March 4, April 1, May 6, June 3, July 1, August 5, September 2, October 7, November 4, and December 2.

Voted: McCarty – yes, Fontana – yes, Freda – yes

Mr. Fontana moved to approve the following property tax refunds:

Anthony & Louise Ciarloni & Surv, 511 Elm Street, Unit 12-3, North Haven, CT 06473, in the amount of \$182.82, and in the amount of \$162.06, and in the amount of \$149.70

Ralph P. & Elaine Cocco & Surv, 11 St. John Street, Unit #B4, North Haven, CT 06473, in the amount of \$40.18, and in the amount of \$ 35.60, and in the amount of \$32.90

Margaret P. Coombs, 10 Hilltop Terrace, North Haven, CT 06473, in the amount of \$11.75, and in the amount of \$62.04, and in the amount of \$43.71

Daimler Trust, Box 685, Roanoke, TX 76262, in the amount of \$574.95

DCFS Trust, Box 685, Roanoke, TX 76262, in the amount of \$531.22

Helen P. Ennis (Trustee), 511 Elm Street, Unit 11-1, North Haven, CT 06473, in the amount of \$184.84, and in the amount of \$163.84, and in the amount of \$151.34

Bruce C. & Roberta Dale Guthrie & Surv, 511 Elm Street, Unit 5-4, North Haven, CT 06473, in the amount of \$ 151.34, and in the amount of \$163.84, and in the amount of \$184.84

Honda Lease Trust, 600 Kelly Way, Holyoke, MA 01040-9681, in the amount of \$180.57

MMCA, POBOX 9940, Mobile, AL 36691, in the amount of \$43.14

Nissan Infiniti LT, Box 254648, Sacramento, CA 95865, in the amount of \$163.45

Kenneth W. or Carol G. Treloar, 63 Bradley Street, North Haven, CT 06473, in the amount of \$30.67

VW Credit Leasing LTD, 1401 Franklin Blvd, Libertyville, IL 60048, in the amount of \$216.23

Truman & Rose Ann Warden & Surv, 511 Elm Street, Unit 4-1, North Haven, CT 06473, in the amount of \$184.84, and in the amount of \$163.84, and in the amount of \$151.34

Voted: McCarty – yes, Fontana – yes, Freda – yes

Mr. Fontana made a motion to approve the following bond releases as recommended by the Planning & Zoning Commission:
Montesi Family, LLC, 444 State Street, North Haven, CT 06473, Total Release in the amount of \$5,000.00.

Sunoco Service Station, Sun Refining & Marketing, 95 Washington Avenue, North Haven, CT 06473, Total Release in the amount of \$5,000.00.

Sun Company, Inc., Refining & Marketing, 23 Universal Drive, North Haven, CT 06473, Total Release in the amount of \$4,000.00.

Voted: McCarty – yes, Fontana – yes, Freda – yes

Ms. McCarty announced that the next meeting of the Board of Selectmen will be on Thursday, July 2, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the Library Community Room. She reminded everyone that there will be a Public Hearing followed by a Special Town Meeting to approve programs for the Connecticut Neighborhood Assistance Act on Monday, June 22, 2009 in Conference Room #1, 2nd floor of the North Haven Memorial Town Hall, starting at 5:30 p.m.

The Board entertained comments from the public.

Gary Amato, 27 Pool Road, noted that there has been an ongoing problem with the concrete for the sidewalks that was laid during the Central Square renovation. He asked if the same company bids on the Valley Service Road project would this prior work be considered. Ms. McCarty answered that it would.

Deborah Ward-O'Brien, 337 Kings Highway, asked if there would be an independent investigation of the complaint submitted by Ms. Gomez. Ms. McCarty stated that no complaint has been received by any of the parties involved. Ms. Ward O'Brien asked if discrimination is made public, should an independent study be done. Mr. Fontana responded that if something is filed, it will be addressed. Mr. Freda noted that in private business, Human Resources would conduct an independent investigation, but he could not say how a town government would handle the situation.

Morris Pedersen, 26 Maple Avenue, had written to complain about the condition of the curbing on Maple Avenue. Lynn Sadosky, Director of Public Works, had explained to him that it was a state road and called DOT to address the issue. Mr. Fontana asked Mr. Pedersen to send him the pictures he had taken and he would also contact DOT to look into the matter.

Miriam Brody, 500 Elm Street, #15-4, was concerned that a section on discrimination is not in the new Code of Ethics that was passed at the referendum on May 19, 2009. Ms. McCarty explained that it is covered in the section on impartiality, but is also covered in state and federal law. It was noted that when the Board of Ethics meets, they could review the new Code of Ethics and recommend changes.

Carolyn Wright, 100 Warner Road, was concerned about the condition of the roads in town and noted that many were in need of paving. Ms. McCarty explained that it cost \$380,000 to pave one mile of road. A survey was done by Public Works and it was determined that 8.5 miles of road needed attention. Based on the money allocated from the state and town, 2.1 miles can be done now. A priority list has been made and paving will start July 1. Other alternatives to obtain more money for paving would be to go through the proper procedures to bond money for paving or to raise taxes to cover the costs.

Sherman Katz, 40 Sherwood Drive, stated we have 112 miles of streets and roads in North Haven and that six miles of road would have to be paved every year to be current. He then stated that roads were not repaired in the past after money was appropriated.

Michael Zuccarelli, 520 Middletown Avenue, questioned whether a complaint was received regarding Ms. Gomez. Ms. McCarty responded that no complaint was received as reported in the newspaper by CHRO or the town attorneys, only an initial letter from her attorney. Mr. Zuccarelli then voiced his concerns with the condition of the property, Lexington Gardens on Middletown Avenue. Gary Amato, 27 Pool Road, who was concerned with a property in his neighborhood, suggested we look into having an ordinance requiring property owners clean up their property. Ms. McCarty stated she would contact Art Hausman, the Zoning Enforcement Officer, to look into their concerns.

Miriam Brody, 500 Elm Street, #15-4, was concerned with the vandalism at Peter's Rock. Ms. McCarty explained that the Police have an all terrain vehicle to patrol that area as well as other similar areas in town.

Gary Amato, 27 Pool Road, noted that the previous chairman of the Board of Finance had said three and a half years ago that the roads in the town were in deplorable condition. He noted that some of the money we might have saved over the years by putting contracts out to bid could have been used for road repair.

Ms. McCarty made a motion to go into executive session to discuss personnel issues. In addition to the Board of Selectmen, also attending was CIRMA representative, William O'Connell.

Voted: McCarty – yes, Fontana – yes, Freda – yes

The Board of Selectmen adjourned to executive session at 7:38 p.m.

The Board of Selectmen returned from executive session at 7:59 p.m.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Ms. McCarty moved for adjournment at 7:59 p.m.

Voted: McCarty – yes, Fontana – yes, Freda – yes